



Porterville Police Department Press Release

Incident: Burglary
Conspiracy
Felony evading

Date/Time: December 17, 2011/ 11:37 AM

Location: 940 W. Henderson Avenue, Porterville

Suspect(s): Kurt Harden, 19 years, Springville resident
Timothy Epps, 19 years, Terra Bella resident
15 year old juvenile, Porterville resident

Narrative:

On December 17, 2011, at approximately 11:37 PM, Porterville Police Department Officers responded to a theft that had just occurred at 940 W. Henderson Avenue. It was reported that the suspects entered the business minutes prior to the theft casing out merchandise and then exiting. The suspects returned minutes later and began removing sensors from merchandise. The suspects exited the business with the merchandise and fled the scene in a vehicle. Officers later observed the vehicle in the area of Henderson Avenue and Prospect Street, and attempted to conduct an enforcement stop on the vehicle. The vehicle accelerated after turning southbound on Prospect Avenue and led officers on a pursuit. The pursuit was quickly terminated due to the driver's recklessness and disregard for public safety. The vehicle was later located unoccupied in the rural area of Tulare County where it had struck a fence. The driver, identified as 19-year-old Kurt Harden, and passengers 19-year-old Timothy Epps and 15-year-old juvenile fled on foot, but were soon located and the stolen merchandise was recovered. Suspects Harden and Epps were booked at the Tulare County Sheriff's Department's for felony evading, burglary, and conspiracy. The 15 year old juvenile was booked at the Juvenile Detention Facility.